



FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Notice of Proposals to Engage in or to Acquire Companies Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y, (12 CFR Part 225) to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the notices must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than January 8, 2016.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Ivan Hurwitz, Vice President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *New York Community Bancorp, Inc.*, Westbury, New York; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Astoria Financial Corporation, Lake Success, New York, and indirectly acquire Astoria Bank, Long Island City, New York, and thereby engage in extending credit and servicing loans, and in operating a savings association, pursuant to sections 225.28 (b)(1) and (b)(4)(ii).

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 10, 2015.

Michael J. Lewandowski,
Associate Secretary of the Board.

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